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Nationalisaion of suburban bus services

* 494 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the progress made in regard to the nationalisation of suburban bus services in the year 1959?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The following routes were nationalised during 1959 :—

1. Route 57—Mint to Red Hills.
2. Route 56—Mint to Tiruvottiyur.
3. Route 56-A—Mint to Ennore *via* Tiruvottiyur.
4. Route 19—Madras (Broadway) to Lattice Bridge.
5. Route 20—Madras (Broadway) to Villivakkam.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Has any compensation been paid to these bus-owners? If so, what is the amount paid?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Rules will be observed and if there is any complaint about it, the bus-owners must apply to the Government in the proper form.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : சார், சென்னையிலிருந்து காஞ்சீபுரம் போகும் ரூட்டையும் சர்க்கார் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப் போவதாகச் சொல்லி இப்போது கைவிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படி கைவிடவேண்டிய காரணம் என்ன ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : கைவிடப்படவில்லை. மூன்று வருஷ நோட்டீஸ் கொடுக்கவேண்டும். மூன்று வருஷ காலம் முடிந்த பிறகு, அந்த ரூட்டை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படும்.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Is there any proposal to extend the nationalisation of bus routes in 1960–61?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I am unable to anticipate the programme now.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the private operators who were running buses from Madras to Villivakkam were beginning the service early in the morning by 5 of the clock so as to enable the poor vendors of vegetables to go to Kothawal Bazaar from Villivakkam whereas our service starts at six of the clock? Will the Hon. Minister look into the problem and issue necessary instructions to remove the difficulty?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : We have information that the private operators were doing a number of illicit services and Government cannot do that. They must observe the schedules.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY: கன்யாகுமரி முதல் திருநெல்வேலி வரை இருக்கும் ரூட்டை எடுத்துக்கொள்வதாக நோட்டிபிகேஷன் கொடுக்கப் பட்டது ஆனால், இரண்டாவது நோட்டிபிகேஷன் போடுவதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : கனம் கல்யாணசுந்தரத் திற்குச் சொன்னபடி, மூன்று வருஷ நோட்டீஸ் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்ற முறை இருக்கிறது. மூன்று வருஷ நோட்டீஸ் கொடுத்தவுடன்

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எல்லோருக்கும் தெரிந்து விடுகிறது. ஆனால், பிற்பாடு நடப்பது தெரிவதில்லை. கன்யாகுமரி, நாகர்கோயில், திருநெல்வேலி ரூட்டை எடுப்பது சம்பந்தமாக, முதலில் அப்ளிகேஷன் சரியில்லை என்று வாபஸ் பண்ணப் பட்டது. அதற்கு மறுபடியும் அப்ளிகேஷன் போட்டிருக்கிறோம்.

Chank Fishery

* 495 *Q.*—Sri R. SRINIVASA IYER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what places in Tanjore District East Coast, Chank fisheries are being worked, departmentally;

(*b*) how many persons are employed in the operations;

(*c*) what is the resulting revenue to the State during 1957-58 and 1958-59;

(*d*) the procedure adopted for leasing chank fisheries to private parties; and

(*e*) what is the revenue obtained by leasing during the years 1957-58 and 1958-59?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) In Thanjavur district, the Chank Fishery lying in between Point Calimere and Puthukuda, covering a length of about 70 miles, is being operated departmentally, while the Chank Fishery of the Thanjavur Coast from Kodiampalayam to Point Calimere covering a length of 70 miles (excluding French Kuppams in Karaikal and the Calimere to Puthukuda area) is being leased.

(*b*) No persons are employed departmentally in the operation. But only netted chanks are purchased from fishermen who are fishing in the sea.

(*c*) The revenue derived from the sale of chanks collected departmentally is given below:—

Rs. 33,363 for the year 1957-1958; and Rs. 37,117 for the year 1958-59.

(*d*) Tenders in the case of lease of chank fisheries are invited from the bona fide merchants in the chank trade in addition to the usual advertisements published in the leading newspapers. The lease is given to highest bidder, if he is solvent and if he satisfies the conditions in the tender notice.

(*e*) The revenue derived from the leased portion of the Chank Fishery in the area from Kodiampalayam to Point Calimere is given below:—

Rs. 19,786 for 1957-58.

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Sri R. SRINIVASA IYER: Was there any combination by the bidders at the time of lease of these chank fisheries observed by the Government officers? If so, what steps were taken to avoid such combination?

The Hon. Srimathi LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: When we give a lease, naturally, there must be competition and the highest bidder gets it.